# EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT TEAM

PARENTS,

Are you concerned about your child's ...

GRADES?

ATTENDANCE?

BEHAVIOR?

PROGRAM?

HEALTH?

LOW SELF ESTEEM?

The Parents' Role In The Educational Support Team (EST) Is To ...

- Make a referral
- Ask questions
- Share information
- Offer suggestions
- Support the plan
- Stay in touch



Parents, please call the school with questions. (802) 728 - 9373

The Braintree School is committed to helping every child having difficulty in school or who needs more

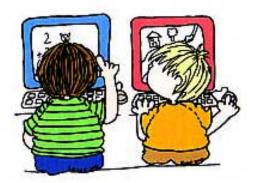
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Braintree, Vermont 05669

# Braintree School BRAINTREE SCHOOL'S

Parent Guide To the

# **EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT TEAM**



Helping **EVERY** Child Succeed in School!

## **EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT SYSTEM**

The Braintree School uses a variety of supports and services to help meet the needs of all children. These supports and services make up our Educational Support System (ESS). Braintree School's ESS is designed to help your child grow socially academically, emotionally, and physically.

Our ESS is rooted in the belief that all children will learn and that those closest to the child are most able to provide appropriate support, accommodations and/or special services. We support all children in reaching their potential.



Braintree School is committed to helping every child achieve challenging standards and make the most of each day's learning opportunities.

An important part of Braintree School's ESS is the Educational Support Team (EST).

#### **EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT TEAM**

The primary purpose of the EST is to assist classroom teachers and staff in developing a plan that will support a child in the educational program. The team is made up of school staff members.

The EST meets twice per month to talk about the children's concerns.

## They:

- Identify support and services for individual children
- Help teachers to develop strategies for supporting individual children
- Develop plans to support each child in school
- Evaluate what's working, make changes or close existing plans when appropriate



The EST maintains confidential contact with the referral source and teachers to follow progress of each student served by the team.

# FIRST STEPS

If there is a concern, referrals can be made by parents and staff members. Parents can:

- Contact the teacher with concern
- Set up a meeting with staff to discuss concerns
- Complete a referral for EST

# NEXT STEPS

When a child is referred to EST, what happens next?

- The team meets to identify the concern and gather information with all team members
- The team designs a plan that offers a variety of supports for the child and teacher
- ▼ The plan may include:

  Varied teaching strategies

  Homework support

  Schedule changes

  Referrals to community activities

  Referrals to outside agencies

  Speech & Language Services

  Guidance Counseling

  Mentoring

  Friendship Group
- The teacher shares the plan with the parents and staff members working with the child
- The team updates and reviews how things are going at the next EST meeting